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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Introductory Comments

This is submitted in response to an official action bearing a mailing date of 17 June 2003 in which the examiner noted that claims 2, 8 through 11, 13, 15 and 30 through 35 were allowed, claims 54 through 58 have been withdrawn from consideration and continued to reject claims 1, 3 through 7, 12, 14, 16 through 29 and 36 through 53 on the basis of either alleged obviousness double patenting, alleged statutory double patenting or alleged indefiniteness under 35 U.S.C. 112.

Applicant notes with appreciation the allowability of claims 2, 8 through 11, 13, 15 and 30 through 35. Applicant traverses the rejection of claims 1, 3 through 7, 12, 14, 16 through 29 and 36 through 53 on the various bases of alleged obviousness double patenting, alleged statutory double patenting and alleged indefiniteness under 35 U.S.C. 112 and requests reconsideration of these rejected claims and of the application as a whole.

Without prejudice to the foregoing traverse and in an effort to move this application forward towards allowance, applicant has amended numerous ones of the claims to address the examiner's statutory double patenting rejections and indefiniteness objections under 35 U.S.C. 112. Applicant respectfully submits that upon reconsideration of the application and consideration of the claim amendments set forth herein, the examiner will find this application to be in form for allowance. Notification thereof is respectfully solicited.